

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for moving pipe on a rig floor between a number of different stations including an off-floor rack, a preparation opening, a borehole, and a storage area, such that tubulars can be loaded onto the drill floor, prepared at the  
5 preparation opening, loaded onto or off of the storage rack, and connected to a drill string while drilling is simultaneously conducted at the borehole, comprising at least two pipehandling devices, at least one of the pipehandling devices having multiple independent gripping arms, the pipehandling devices being arranged for communicating pipe between a storage area off the drill floor, a storage area on the drill floor, at least one  
10 preparation opening, and a drill opening are provided.